

ARIZONA NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS WOULD CURB PROPAGANDIST

PHOENIX, Dec. 18.—Plans to more effectively protect the newspaper readers of the state against the propaganda press agent; adoption of resolutions favoring the early passage of the Smith-McNary bill and expressio of appreciation of the able work of Mike Cassidy, federal prohibition agent, were the important features of yesterday's meeting of the Arizona Daily Newspaper association held in this city.

Practically every daily newspaper in the state was represented at the meeting which was called for the purpose of discussing the problems of the publishers and adopting plans for the mutual cooperation of the daily papers in this state.

During and since the war the so-called publicity matter developed to such a point that newspaper offices throughout the country are flooded with tons of printed matter, most of which finds its way to the waste basket. Propaganda by scores of cranks and persons working both individually and in conjunction with established services has become a part of the newspaper's daily mail with the result that the press is expected to carry advertising matter for drives of every description, day after day, in the form of free "news" stories.

The publishers will attempt to show the press agents that in fairness to readers this publicity matter should be carried in paid-for advertising space.

That employment conditions have been greatly improved throughout the state was expressed by the publishers. This improvement was attributed in a great measure to the elimination of "hoax" by the able work of Mr. Cassidy and his associates. Publishers reported that alley transactions in contraband liquors has been almost entirely eliminated in a majority of the towns of this state. They felt that appreciation of this work was merited and adopted resolutions endorsing the active and effective work of the federal prohibition officer.

Among the out-of-town daily newspaper publishers present at yesterday's meeting were, Col. J. H. Westover, Yuma Sun; Col. F. S. Breen, Coconino Sun; C. P. Girag, Tombstone Prospector; O. B. Jaynes, Tucson Citizen; T. S. Garlow, Miami Bulletin; Leroy Kennedy, Miami Silver Belt; J. W. Milnes, Prescott Journal-Miner and W. P. Stuart of the Prescott Courier.

The publishers decided to hold their April meeting at Miami.

TELEGRAPH SERVICE RESUMED BY W. U. AT FORT HUACHUCA

The Western Union telegraph service at Fort Huachuca has been resumed. The service was discontinued several months ago by the company on account of the difficulty had in obtaining an operator for the post and because of the small volume of business.

Some time ago, according to Amos A. Betts, member of the corporation commission, the residents at the military post petitioned the commission to have the service resumed and the matter was taken up by correspondence with the superintendent in Los Angeles instead of holding a hearing with the result that the company agreed to resume its service.

Under an arrangement made by the company with the commanding officer of the post, Mr. Betts said, the business of the Western Union company at the post will be handled by the signal corps operators on a commission basis, thus relieving the company of the necessity of maintaining an operator at the post. The service was resumed December 1.

MAN ARRESTED AS "PAJAMA BURGLAR" OF COAST'S HOTELS

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 20.—Charges of burglary will be filed here today, officials have announced, against Charles Miller, said to be a man wanted by the police of cities along the Pacific coast as a hotel purloiner, wearing pajamas. He was arrested Sunday night in a room in a leading hotel of this city.

NEW SCHOOL TO BE THOROUGHLY MODERN

Work upon the new \$50,000 Union high school is being put forward with all possible speed and it is confidently expected that the new two-story edifice will be completed and ready for occupancy by April 1.

This educational institution, according to Trost & Trost, architects, promises to be one of the most modern in point of general details of any in the state and surpassed by none in any city of this size anywhere.

It will be constructed of hollow tile; will be absolutely fireproof and combine every modern high school convenience to be found in many of the country's most metropolitan cities.

The chief features embraced will be the nature and completeness of the course of study, which is designed not only to prepare the student for the university, but should he quit after taking the four-year course he will be well equipped with further educational advantages to cope with all of the more serious educational problems of life.

The study course will include practically all of the modern high school subjects, domestic science, commercial course, athletic, hygiene, physics, chemistry, manual training, which will include bench, bench tools, and a complete equipment of the standard heavier tools needed for the practical side of the work.

A complete hangar will be built within the school building with bedroom, dining room, bath and kitchen, for the use and demonstration of domestic science students.

The physical science and chemistry departments will be housed in a three-room suite consisting of two complete laboratories and a lecture room between.

For the use of commercial students one room each for accounting and stenography completely equipped will be used.

The arts, music and drama will each be given their proper periods in the new high school curriculum, while the gymnasium, 14x18, which will be equipped with all modern athletic devices will not only be a place of training for competitive athletic contests but will also be fitted for a complete course of physical education, including hygiene and calisthenics.

A large auditorium annex to the main school building will seat 400 people, with a stage 25x16 feet, suitable for functions of any character.

Every up-to-date sanitary device will be installed in the new edifice, and sanitary drinking fountains will also be a feature. The new structure will be steam-heated and electrically lighted.

Outdoor recreations, such as baseball and basketball have been provided for while it intended ultimately to lay out a model double tennis court. Hot and cold shower baths will be provided in the "gym" for both boys and girls.

It is planned to make a 50 per cent addition to the school faculty next fall by the addition of six new teachers, giving a total of 16 teachers in all.

The old school building will be devoted to the education of the grammar grades under the present plan of procedure. There are at present 71 students attending high school classes, with an addition to this number expected next year.

One of the policies adopted by the trustees before accepting materials for installation in the new structure was to refuse anything not up to standard, and this policy has proven successful in obtaining for them the very best in every line that the market affords.

Ultimately the projectors of the new school hope to arrange for a serviceable cafeteria where the children from the outlying parts of the district may avail themselves of a hot noon-day luncheon at moderate cost.

CHILD SCALDED TO DEATH BY BOILING WATER

NOGALES, Dec. 21.—Arnaldo Martinez, aged 4, died yesterday noon from burns received Friday when his older sister accidentally spilled a kettle of boiling water on him.

Francisco Martinez, the father of the deceased boy is employed at Rodriguez's hardware store.

MAXIMUM OF 16 HOURS PROVIDED FOR CAR DRIVERS

PHOENIX, Dec. 10.—Under the provisions of a general order announced today by the Arizona corporation commission regulating the working hours of employees of motor transportation companies, no employee can go on duty again after working sixteen consecutive hours, without having at least nine hours of rest. The order, which is made effective at once, is known as general order No. 88 A.

The order was issued following an exhaustive investigation by the corporation commission into the death of William R. White, a truck driver, who was killed on July 27, 1922, when the truck he was driving collided with a switch engine at the grade crossing on the Arizona Eastern railroad, one mile east of Miami.

In a statement preceding the order the commission states that the evidence at its hearing given by eye witnesses to the accident showed that the bell on the engine was ringing as it approached the crossing and that the whistle sounded, and also that there was a clear vision of the railroad track from the highway and vice versa.

It was also brought out the commission states, that White had been on duty 11 1/2 consecutive hours prior to the accident and that there was no evidence presented that he had slept prior to going to work.

DOWELL TO BE AT BISBEE POST BY JANUARY FIRST

With the return of G. H. Dowell, general manager of the Copper Queen company of the Phelps Dodge corporation, to his headquarters in Bisbee after an absence of six months, P. G. Beckett, general manager of the corporation, will move back to Douglas, he announced last night. Until Mr. Dowell left on a leave of absence for the benefit of his health about the first of this year, Mr. Beckett maintained his headquarters in Douglas and the move back here has no special significance, Mr. Beckett said.

When asked concerning the rumor that has been circulated in this district, and even appeared in an article in an El Paso paper, regarding the remodeling of the local smelter Mr. Beckett said it was unfounded. While the corporation has plans for remodeling of the smelter in its possession and has had for some time, there was no possible chance that the work would be started within the near future, he said.

CHILDREN UNEARTH BODY OF INFANT IN DAKOTA STREET LOT

PHOENIX, Dec. 11.—The body of an infant, buried, appearances indicated, about two years, is now the subject of an investigation by county authorities. The gruesome find was made by children digging in a vacant lot at the foot of West Dakota street Monday afternoon. They told their parents of the find and they, in turn, notified the sheriff's office. An informal inquest was held by Coroner Nat T. McKee who, with other county officials, viewed the body. A thorough search was made but no distinguishing marks were found. The little body was wrapped in a cloth and the whole encased in a small wooden box which was only a few inches below the surface of the lot when it was found. The sheriff's office is now working on the case but they are doubtful of reaching a solution.

ALL PATIENTS AT THE COUNTY HOSPITAL TO HAVE XMAS CHEER

DOUGLAS, Dec. 21.—Summer Ashby, superintendent of the county hospital, assisted by nurses and others, will see that every patient at the hospital has Christmas cheer. The custom is an old one at the hospital to have a tree and gifts, a dinner, and perhaps a program to make the day a happy one.

The big tree will stand in the main hall and will be decorated with Christmas emblems. The dinner menu will include all sorts of good things to eat.

The patients have little to live for, a nurse said yesterday, but they brighten when they talk of Christmas and the good time in store for them.

MAY ELIMINATE MOTOR LICENSE SACRED HEART TO CELEBRATE MIDNIGHT MASS

PHOENIX, Dec. 21.—Elimination of the state automobile license fee and the substitution in its place of a higher tax on gasoline was urged today by James H. Kerby, secretary of state-elect, in an address before the state tax commission and the county assessors of the state, who assembled in the state capitol for the annual conference.

Acting upon the suggestion, the assessors appointed the members of the tax commission and Mr. Kerby, members of a committee to investigate the feasibility of legislation to provide for the change.

Mr. Kerby also suggested the elimination of the property tax on automobiles, this fee also to be taken care of in the gasoline tax. If these changes were made, the secretary of state-elect says, a part of the expense of keeping up the roads in the state would be paid by automobile tourists traversing the state.

Mr. Kerby also suggested the issuance of only one pair of plates for a car, the plates to be good during the life of the car. He pointed out that such a step as this would save the taxpayers of the state an expense of \$15,000 incurred by the county assessors in issuing the licenses and collecting the fees, in addition to an expense of \$25,000 to \$30,000 each year for the cost of the plates.

HAYS AWARDED \$500 BY JURY IN FEES SUIT

Attorney Lyman H. Hays, plaintiff in a suit to recover attorney's fees in the sum of \$1,000, against Louis N. McElroy, Dos Cabezas merchant, was awarded \$500 with court costs by a jury in Judge Lockwood's department of the superior court Tuesday.

The suit was the outcome of a controversy between the defendant McElroy and the Gold Prince Mining & Milling company, located near Dos Cabezas, in which Hays was instrumental in securing judgment in the sum of \$11,000 for McElroy, but which the defendant asserted on the witness stand he had never been able to recover.

McElroy further testified that he had been compelled to borrow \$840 from a bank which, together with a similar sum supplied by a second party, secured a bank judgment for the property in question.

Evidence at the trial tended to show that the joint owners of the property now held the property for sale at \$100,000. Attorney J. T. Kingsbury represented the plaintiff, while Attorneys Darnell & Mathews of Tucson, and O. Gibson of Tombstone, appeared for the defendant.

DAMAGE SUIT IS BROUGHT TO END BY ATTORNEYS

Suit to recover \$1000 damages from W. D. Queen, of Douglas, was instituted in Judge Lockwood's department of the superior court this morning by A. E. Merriman, also of Douglas, for a damage done an auto alleged to be the property of the plaintiff.

During the noon recess, after a jury had been impaneled, the opposing attorneys, David Benishimol and James Boyle, retired to the judge's private chamber, where a settlement was effected.

INHERITANCE TAX ON BROPHY ESTATE \$400,000

The inheritance tax on the estate of the late William H. Brophy, who was drowned near Guaymas, was approximately \$400,000. It was announced yesterday.

Brophy carried insurance in several companies. He carried \$50,000 with the Northwestern Mutual Life insurance company alone.

SAYS FLYERS NEAR TUCSON

TUCSON, Ariz., Dec. 20.—A verified rumor was current on the streets here tonight to the effect that the plane of the two missing aviators, Col. Francis C. Marshall and Lieut. Charles Webber, had been found today in White House canyon in the Santa Rita mountains. It was claimed that the information had been brought into the city by persons who visited that canyon today. It was impossible to verify the rumor tonight.

COPPER CONTINUES TO ADVANCE; REACH HIGHEST PRICE OF THE YEAR

Copper and copper stocks have been the center of attention of stock market followers during the last few days. The sudden upward movement of the red metal, started last week, is continuing. Yesterday Dow Jones & Co. reporter, over the Overlook wire, that copper was quoted in New York at 141 1/2 to 143 1/4 cents, the highest point the red metal has touched this year. Both foreign and domestic demand was reported to be strong.

It was the opinion of many yesterday that the steady demand for copper would cause the quotation for it to creep up to the 15-cent mark, and possibly go higher.

Many copper stocks reflected the increase in the price of the metal by substantial gains, some of the larger companies' stocks being sold at from three to five points higher than early last week. Verde Central the Jerome property operated under option by C. & A., continues to be one of the outstanding curb stocks, with buying orders piling up and comparatively few holders of the stock showing any desire for profit-taking. United Verde Extension has also shown considerable strength with the increase in the price of copper.

Commenting on the advance in the price of copper, the financial editor of the New York Times published the following several days ago:

"Copper metal advanced another fraction of a cent a pound yesterday, to a new high record for the year to date. It is reported in the trade that some metal is obtainable at 141 1/2 cents a pound. Considerable improvement in demand for the red metal has been noted in the past few days, the result being that producers expect that the higher price will establish the market within a few days.

"Inquiries are beginning to come into the market in bulk volume for the first and second quarter delivery of the new year, the demand for delivery in the first three months naturally being larger. While the greater part of it is for domestic account, the trade reports that buying for German, French and British consumers is picking up rapidly. The price for export copper is moving upward with the price quoted for domestic delivery.

"It is estimated that the surplus stock of copper on hand as of December 1 was approximately 225,000,000 pounds, the figure being unchanged from that at the beginning of November, sales last month about 165,000,000 pounds. It is expected that deliveries from the mines to the smelters in the current month will exceed those of November because of the improvement in transportation facilities. As a result of the suspension of operations at the mines in the first quarter of the year, accompanied by curtailed operations since April 1, stocks of copper have been materially reduced since January 1, when the amount on hand aggregated more than 600,000,000 pounds.

MILDRED MARRS, TOMBSTONE GIRL, WEDS SATURDAY

Dan Cupid stole a march on the legion of friends of Bud Friday and Miss Mildred Marrs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Marrs, pioneer residents of Tombstone, last Saturday, when the happy pair were secretly married by Superior court Judge J. E. Crosby, at Winslow.

Miss Marrs was born in Tombstone and is one of Winslow's most popular young teachers. The groom is the general assistant cashier at the Bank of Winslow.

They are still blushing receiving the congratulations of their host of friends throughout the entire region, and the Prospector joins in extending them the double felicitations of the Yuletide season and for a happily wedded union throughout their lives.

PIRTLEVILLE CHILD DRINKS LYE MIXTURE FOR FLOOR SCRUBBING

DOUGLAS, Dec. 18.—Rosalie Benson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Scoville Benson, of Pirtleville, is in a serious condition from drinking a preparation of lye and water.

TOMBSTONE TOWN WHERE REAPER RARELY COMES

During the past few days' tourist travel has been exceptionally heavy through Tombstone, with the result that many comments pro and con have been overheard concerning this town and its immediate environments.

Monday a party of Mainites, California bound, stopped to refresh themselves at a local restaurant, and while waiting for their service one was heard to observe that Tombstone, with its very name, certainly had the best drinking water the traveler had ever drunk.

"I've only been here an hour and I seem to get my breath so much more easily; I feel just as light as a feather," said another of his companions.

"I wonder why they named in Tombstone?" queried a third. Enlightened on this point by an obliging waitress, the speaker inquired if the death rate was heavy here.

"Well," smiled the waitress, "we had a funeral here early last fall. An old miner died from an accident received in a mine. That's the only death we had here since way last summer," she said.

"Why, during the worst of the flu epidemic, Tombstone only lost two white people," the waitress told them. "One was an elderly lady who came here for her health. She was dying when she left home and merely stayed off dying long enough to get here. The other was a little baby," she told her auditors.

"White folks rarely ever die here," she told them. "The others will not take even ordinary care of themselves; refuse to abide by the ordinary rules of hygiene. Even living thus, deaths here are a rarity," she finished.

Decidedly Tombstone has the climate and the water to suit the most fastidious. Tombstone residents realize fully the wonderful advantages of these two greatest assets. Sooner or later the people of the United States must learn this, and for this reason the transcontinental winter highway is proving the very best kind of a publicity medium.

SMITH GIVES HIS VERSION OF BANK FUNDS "JUGGLING"

YUMA, Ariz., Dec. 19.—Alva E. Smith, charged with the embezzlement of \$9900 of the funds of the Valley Bank of Parker, Ariz., took the stand late today and began telling his story of the transaction in which he is alleged to have embezzled the bank's funds.

In the complaint on which he is now being charged Smith, who purchased stock in the Parker bank last April, is alleged to have given a check on the First State Bank of Clarita, Okla., in payment for the stock and to have then transferred funds of the Parker bank to meet payment on the checks.

Testifying in his own defense today, Smith declared that before he came to Arizona he had a conversation with R. C. Callahan, president of the First State Bank of Clarita, in which Callahan agreed to take care of his checks given for the purchase of the Parker bank and that he, in turn, gave Callahan promissory notes signed in blank, which Callahan was to place among his associates.

Smith was telling of the details of his transactions in Parker when court recessed at 6 o'clock last night. He resumed the stand today.

JUDGE LOCKWOOD TO PRESIDE IN TWO COUNTIES

Judge Alfred C. Lockwood, of the Cochise county superior court, will preside on the bench of the Pima county session of the superior court for two weeks following the opening of the 1923 term.

This is due to the fact that Judge-elect George R. Darnell, who is present county attorney for Pima county, will be disqualified to preside on cases which he himself has prepared for trial.

Judge Lockwood also will preside at the Santa Cruz county capital in a long-deferred case in which he was the presiding judge during a former trial.

Miami-Louis d'Or Mining company to construct testing plant in spring.